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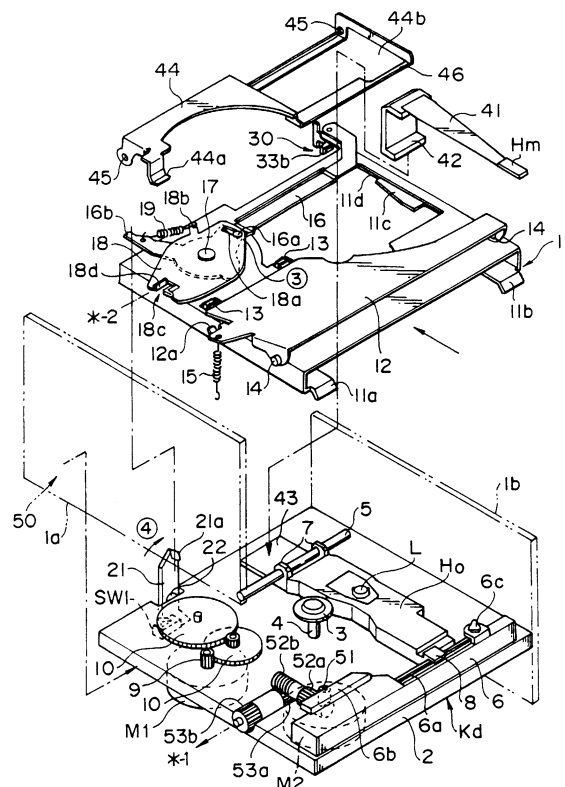
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(54) Recording medium driving apparatus

(57) Driving apparatus employing a compact and high-functionality switching mechanism for loading and unloading a recording medium. The switching mechanism includes a first switching lever (54) movable in a predetermined direction, and a second switching lever (63) whose direction of movement is reversed by an inverting link after moving with the first switching lever in the predetermined direction, the first switching lever includes an arm driving portion (55) for a cartridge (C) and a holder control section (57) for a cartridge holder, and the second switching lever includes a magnetic head control portion (72). The direction of motion of the second switching lever is reversed when the first switching lever moves so that driving and controlling are shared between both levers.

FIG. 1





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